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Letter dated 28 April 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS), the mandate of which was established by the Security Council in its resolution 1876 (2009) and most recently extended in resolution 2267 (2016).

Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Modibo Touré (Mali) as my Special Representative for Guinea-Bissau and Head of UNIOGBIS, with effect from 1 May 2016. Mr. Touré will replace Miguel Trovoada, who will complete his assignment on 30 April 2016.

In recent months, Guinea-Bissau has witnessed a deterioration in the internal divisions within the ruling African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cabo Verde, which led the President to dismiss the Prime Minister and his Government on 12 August 2015. A new Government, headed by the new Prime Minister, Carlos Correia, was formed on 13 October 2015. However, persisting divisions and tensions among the key State organs are having an impact on the functioning of State institutions and paralysing the country. The continuing politico-judicial impasse over the removal by the National Assembly of the parliamentary mandate of 15 of its members is illustrative of the remaining challenges facing the country. Given the continued political crisis, the need for good offices and high-level political facilitation will remain critical in the coming months, demanding the full-time engagement of the United Nations at a senior level.

My Special Representative and Head of UNIOGBIS, at the level of Under-Secretary-General, will have responsibility for the implementation of the mandate and overall management of the Office. He will carry out the good offices, political facilitation and mediation roles and promote the integration of the political, security and development aspects of the engagement of the United Nations system in Guinea-Bissau. He will also chair the Strategic Policy Group responsible for the overall political and policy guidance and the implementation of the United Nations integrated approach and vision in Guinea-Bissau.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN Ki-moon**

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